



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
WALLACE J. PUCHALSKI MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
212 MAIN STREET, NORTHAMPTON  
Northampton, MA  
September 15, 2016**

**Roll Call**

A regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by City Council President William H. Dwight. At 7:10 pm on a roll call the following City Councilors were present:

At-Large Councilor William H. Dwight      At-Large Councilor Ryan R. O'Donnell  
Ward 1 Councilor Maureen T. Carney      Ward 3 (Vacant)  
Ward 4 Councilor Gina-Louise Sclarra      Ward 5 Councilor David A. Murphy  
Ward 6 Councilor Marianne L. LaBerge      Ward 7 Councilor Alisa F. Klein.

The following City Councilor(s) was (were) absent: Ward 2 Councilor Dennis P. Bidwell

**Public Hearing**

**Public Hearing:**

At 7:11 p.m. Councilor Dwight announced the following: The Northampton City Council will hold a public hearing on Thursday, October 6, 2016, at 7:05 p.m. in City Council Chambers, 212 Main Street, Northampton, MA to discuss the percentages of the local tax levy to be borne by each class of real and personal property within the City of Northampton for FY 2017 in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 56 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Councilor Dwight explained that the tax factor is often discussed, and is different than the tax rate. Essentially it is how we divide tax burden among tax payers. The cities of Holyoke and Springfield have a split tax rate. In each of these cities, the commercial tax rate is higher than the residential tax rate. Northampton has a factor of one; everyone pays the same rate of taxes. There have been discussions going on for years about the tax rate, and is generally something that the public has been interested in. Those who wish to be heard on this issue can send their comments by mail, or can attend the public hearing.

At 7:13 p.m. Councilor Dwight announced the following: Pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 148, sec. 13, notice is hereby given that the Northampton City Council will hold a Public Hearing regarding a Fuel Storage License Application submitted by Cumberland Farms of 100 Crossing Boulevard, Framingham, MA 01702. The land affected by the application is located at 53 and 55 Main Street, Florence, Parcel ID Map 17 C, Lot 197 and Map 23 A, Lot 077. The Application seeks to amend the existing Fuel Storage License to allow a) for storage of 8,000 gallons of diesel product, Class II, in UST container, and b) for an additional 11,000 gallons of gasoline, Class IB, in UST container, for a total storage of 32,000 gallons of gasoline.

The Public Hearing to be held on Thursday, October 6, 2016, at 7:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers located in the Wallace J. Puchalski Municipal Building, 212 Main Street, Northampton, MA. The City Council will hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon.

**Recognitions  
and One-Minute  
Announcements  
by Councilors**

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Councilor Sclarra announced that on Saturday, September 17, 2016 from 11am to 4 pm Jackson Street School will be having its first annual PTO carnival. The event is free and open to the public. There will be games, food, a dunk tank, raffles, etc. The proceeds will support enrichment opportunities at the school.

Councilor Klein announced that there will be two public forums concerning the effort to resettle refugees in Northampton. Sixteen house parties are scheduled. Everyone is invited to attend the public forums. The first one will be held Monday, September 19, 2016 at the JFK Middle School Cafeteria. The second one will be held Thursday, September 22, 2016 from 3 – 4 p.m. at the Northampton Senior Center. Representatives from Catholic Charities, members of the Northampton City Council and others will talk about the resettlement plans for 51 refugees. Councilor Dwight noted that the events will be an opportunity to express concerns and to be heard; this is an effort for complete transparency.

**Report to Northampton City Council on Action Taken to Satisfy Committee Study Request on the Local Economy (Issued on March 3, 2016).**

Councilor Sciarra explained that the report is a summary of the steps that the Committee took to fulfill the Committee Study Request. The request was to study the economy of downtown Northampton and Florence. The summary outlines the meetings that were held and includes links to various documents that were generated or received during the study request. At the September 19, 2016 meeting the Committee will be reviewing the data that has been received and will be looking at the themes and topics that emerged. The Committee will decide which topics to have a more in-depth deliberation about. They will then discuss recommendations that will be brought forward to the full City Council.

Councilor Dwight thanked the Committee for their work and he thanked the public for their participation. He was thankful to see so many people vested in the the workings and the prospects for downtown.

**Communications and Proclamations From the Mayor**

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None

**Resolutions**

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**16.147 A Resolution Opposing Lifting the Cap on Commonwealth Charter Schools – 2nd Reading**

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Councilor Sciarra commented that although she did not attend last week's meeting, she did watch the meeting. She noted that the conversation was spirited and thoughtful. From the discussion it was clear that there was agreement that the funding mechanism is flawed. She appreciated the creative approach that Councilor Murphy put forward for the longstanding problem, however the solution he proposed would not have an immediate effect. As new charters are founded, it would slowly bleed dry the district schools, not unlike what is happening now. As a big supporter of public schools, and the wonderful work that they do to educate the kids and as a mother of two children who have just begun their school career, Councilor Sciarra is not willing to take a long-term gamble that raising the cap will address the issue. She does not see the gains of raising the cap, even for current charter school families. Councilor Sciarra thanked the sponsors for writing the resolution and noted that she will be voting to support it.

Councilor LaBarge commented that she said what she had to say two weeks ago. She will support the resolution tonight.

Councilor Murphy continues to be concerned because parents who want an alternative for their kids and are not wealthy enough to go to private school have no other options. Charter schools are really their only option. The Legislature will not make a change unless they have to. He doesn't believe that the system will have to hit rock bottom before a change will be made. The Legislature is affected by several large lobbying groups. Councilor Murphy is very proud of our schools and notes that he is a product of Northampton schools. He notes that the problem is statewide. There are many cities and towns where the public schools are not serving the needs of the community. These families need to have an alternative but won't if have one if they can't afford to go to a private school. Councilor Murphy will abstain from this vote.

**Motion to approve 16.147 in 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Councilor O'Donnell moved to approve the resolution in second reading; Councilor Klein seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a roll call vote of 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstention (Councilor Murphy), 1 Absent (Councilor Bidwell), 1 Vacant.

**The following resolution passed second reading:**

**In the Year Two Thousand and Sixteen**  
**Upon the recommendation of Councilor Dennis Bidwell, Council President William Dwight, and Mayor David Narkewicz**

**R-16.147**  
**A Resolution**

**Opposing Lifting the Cap on Commonwealth Charter Schools**

**WHEREAS**, free public schools available to all students regardless of income, ability, need or English language proficiency are foundational to our democracy; and

**WHEREAS**, all of our students deserve high-quality public schools that teach the whole child, providing enrichment and addressing social and emotional needs in addition to core academic subjects; and

**WHEREAS**, local accountability for our public schools is necessary to ensure that schools are responsive to the needs of their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, in FY2017 Northampton is projected to lose \$2,279,216, net of reimbursements, to six nearby Commonwealth charter schools, and public school districts across the state are losing more than \$408 million this year alone — a loss of funds that is undermining the ability of districts to provide all students with the educational services to which they are entitled; and

**WHEREAS**, Commonwealth charter schools are often approved over the objections of a majority of community residents and their elected officials and are not accountable to local elected officials once they are approved; and

**WHEREAS**, Commonwealth charter schools often fail to serve the same proportion of special needs students, low-income students and English language learners as the districts from which they receive students and often use high suspension rates to drive out students they don't want to serve; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth charter school system is creating separate and unequal opportunities for success; and

**WHEREAS**, lifting the cap on charter schools would greatly worsen the problems listed above and lead the Commonwealth further in the direction of a costly, inequitable and divisive two-track school system; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 9, 2016 the Northampton School Committee unanimously approved a resolution opposing lifting the cap on Commonwealth charter schools; and

**WHEREAS**, a broad range of organizations including the New England Chapter of the NAACP, Jobs With Justice, Massachusetts AFL-CIO, Citizens for Public Schools, Massachusetts Teachers Association, American Federation of Teachers Massachusetts, and Northampton Save Our Schools are all in opposition to lifting the cap on charter schools;

**WHEREAS**, the NAACP, at its national convention earlier this month, passed a Resolution calling for a national moratorium on the creation of any more charter schools;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northampton City Council and Mayor David Narkewicz, oppose lifting the cap on Commonwealth charter schools; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Northampton's representatives in the State Legislature are encouraged to redouble their efforts to achieve fundamental reforms leading to more equitable and expanded funding of the Commonwealth's public schools.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Administrative Assistant to the City Council shall cause a copy of this resolution to be sent to Governor Charles Baker, Senate President Stanley Rosenberg, State Representative Peter Kocot, and Secretary of Education Jim Peyser.

#### **16.147 Enrolled**

**Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.**

#### **Presentations**

**Anne White,**  
**Director of**  
**Development,**  
**ServiceNet - 2016**  
**Shelter Sunday**

#### **Presentations:**

**Anne White, Director of Development, ServiceNet - 2016 Shelter Sunday**

Ms. White could not be here tonight; Rick Hart and Karl Knapp gave a brief presentation about Shelter Sunday in place of Anne White.

Mr. Hart is the head of the Hampshire County Homeless. Shelter Sunday is a coalition of five community programs that provide services to the homeless in the City. The five programs are Grove Street Inn, Interfaith Shelter, Manna Meals, Grace House, and the SRO Project. This year will be the twenty fifth anniversary of the event. Shelter Sunday is the major fundraising source for the coalition. This year the event is changing format from a door-to-door campaign to a city-wide mailing campaign. Mr. Hart asked the City Council to help "spread the word" about the event. Shelter Sunday does have a website; donations can be made on line. Mr. Hart has a favorite saying that was spoken by a supporter: "A healthy community is judged by how they treat their most vulnerable members."

Ms. Knapp is member of the Shelter Sunday coalition and is on the Board of Directors for Manna Soup Kitchen. Manna Soup Kitchen is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. In 1986 the Kitchen opened at St. John's Episcopal Church with soup and sandwiches on Sunday morning served by volunteers. Shelter Sunday is vital; a good percentage of money comes from Shelter Sunday. Manna serves over 15,000 people per year. They also provide Thanksgiving and Christmas meals. Ms. Knapp also asked that the Council help spread the word about the event.

#### **Consent Agenda**

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Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the consent agenda; Councilor Klein seconded the motion. The

motion was approved on a voice vote of 7 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Bidwell), 1 Vacant.

The following items were included on the consent agenda, and were approved as noted above:

- A. Minutes of September 1, 2016 Meeting
- B. Refer Appointments to Committee on City Services as follows (16.167)

Arts Council: Joseph Pesce, 685 Ryan Road, Florence – term October 2016 – June 2019

Board of Assessors: Denny Nolan, 319 Elm Street, Northampton – term October 2016 – June 2019

and Margo Welch, 143 Main Street, Northampton – term July 2016 – June 2019 (reappointment)

Planning Board: Euripedes De Oliveira, Associate Member, 9 Washington Place, Northampton – term October 2016 – June 2019

**Recess for  
Committee on  
Finance Meeting**

At 7:37 p.m. the City Council recessed for the Committee on Finance meeting. The City Council reconvened at 7:48 p.m.

**Financial Orders**

**16.157 A Financial  
Order to authorize  
payment of a  
previous year bill  
to Comcast in the  
amount of \$154.83  
- 1st Reading**

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**Motion to approve  
16.157 in 1<sup>st</sup>  
Reading**

Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the order in first reading; Councilor Klein seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a roll call vote of 7 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Bidwell), 1 Vacant.

**Motion Carried**

**See minutes of October 6, 2016 for second reading.**

**16.156 An Order to  
accept a gift of  
crosswalk  
equipment from  
Northampton  
Montessori School  
- Request 2  
Readings**

**16.156 An Order to accept a gift of crosswalk equipment from Northampton Montessori School - Request 2 Readings**

This item was on the agenda for the September 1, 2016 City Council meeting as a resolution. The Committee on Finance took up this item; however, the City Council did not motion to place this item on the floor after the Committee on Finance adjourned. This was an oversight; the Council held two readings tonight.

**Motion to approve  
16.156 in 1<sup>st</sup>  
Reading**

Councilor Murphy moved to approve the order in first reading; Councilor Klein seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a roll call vote of 7 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Bidwell), 1 Vacant.

**Motion Carried**

**Motion to suspend  
council rules to  
allow for 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Reading**

Councilor LaBarge moved to suspend City Council Rules to allow for a second reading; Councilor Murphy seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 7 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Bidwell), 1 Vacant.

**Motion Carried**

**Motion to approve  
in 16.156 in 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Reading**

Councilor Murphy moved to approve the order in second reading; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a roll call vote of 7 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Bidwell), 1 Vacant.

**Motion Carried**

**The following order passed second reading:**

**Upon recommendation of the Mayor**

**O-16.156**

**An Order**

**To accept a gift of crosswalk equipment from Northampton Montessori School**

Ordered, that

The City of Northampton gratefully accepts the donation of crosswalk equipment for Bates Avenue, from the Northampton Montessori School, in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53A.

16.156 Enrolled

Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.

16.162 An Order to appropriate \$13,550 for the purpose of paying costs of a roofing replacement schematic design feasibility study for the Bridge Street School - Request 2 Readings

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Motion to approve 16.162 in 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Councilor O'Donnell moved to approve the order in first reading; Councilor LaBarge seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a roll call vote of 7 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Bidwell), 1 Vacant.

Motion Carried

Motion to suspend City Council Rules to allow for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Councilor LaBarge moved to suspend City Council Rules to allow for a second reading; Councilor Murphy seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 7 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Bidwell), 1 Vacant.

Motion Carried

Motion to approve 16.162 in 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Councilor O'Donnell moved to approve the order in second reading; Councilor LaBarge seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a roll call vote of 7 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Bidwell), 1 Vacant.

Motion Carried

The following order passed second reading:

Upon the recommendation of the Mayor

16.162  
AN ORDER

to appropriate \$13,550 for the purpose of paying costs of a roofing replacement schematic design feasibility study for the Bridge Street School

Ordered, that:

That the City of Northampton appropriate the amount of \$13,550 for the purpose of paying costs of a roofing replacement schematic design feasibility study for the Bridge Street Elementary School, located at 2 Parson Street, Northampton, MA 01060, a school serving public school students in grades kindergarten thru fifth grade, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and for which City of Northampton may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Northampton School Building Committee. To meet this appropriation the Northampton City Council, with the approval of the Mayor will appropriate \$9,032 from funds remaining in the account entitled Ryan Road Roof Membrane Project (19303 586503) and \$4,518 from funds remaining in the account entitled Leeds Roof Membrane Project (19303 586514). The City of Northampton acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the City of Northampton incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City of Northampton.

16.162 Enrolled

Rules suspended passed two readings and enrolled.

16.163 An Order to appropriate \$13,214 for the purpose of

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feasibility study for  
the Leeds  
Elementary School -  
Request 2 Readings

Motion to approve  
16.163 in 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Councilor O'Donnell moved to approve the order in first reading; Councilor LaBarge seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a roll call vote of 7 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Bidwell), 1 Vacant.

Motion Carried

Motion to suspend  
City Council Rules  
to allow for 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Reading

Councilor LaBarge moved to suspend City Council Rules to allow for a second reading; Councilor Murphy seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 7 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Bidwell), 1 Vacant.

Motion Carried

Motion to approve  
16.163 in 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Reading

Councilor Murphy moved to approve the order in second reading; Councilor LaBarge seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a roll call vote of 7 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Bidwell), 1 Vacant.

Motion Carried

The following order passed second reading:  
Upon the recommendation of the Mayor

**16.163  
AN ORDER**

to appropriate \$13,214 for the purpose of paying costs of a roofing replacement schematic design feasibility study for the Leeds Elementary School

Ordered, that:

That the City of Northampton appropriate the amount of \$13,214 for the purpose of paying costs of a roofing replacement schematic design feasibility study for the Leeds Elementary School, located at 20 Florence Street, Northampton, MA 01060, a school serving public school students in grades kindergarten thru fifth grade, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and for which City of Northampton may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Northampton School Building Committee. To meet this appropriation the Northampton City Council, with the approval of the Mayor will appropriate necessary funds from funds remaining in the account entitled Leeds Roof Membrane Project (19303 586514). The City of Northampton acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the City of Northampton incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City of Northampton.

16.163 Enrolled

Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.

16.149 An Order to  
authorize payment  
for a previous year  
bill for the DPW -  
2nd Reading

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Motion to approve  
16.149 in 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Reading

Councilor O'Donnell moved to approve the order in second reading; Councilor LaBarge seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a roll call vote of 7 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Bidwell), 1 Vacant.

Motion Carried

The following order passed second reading:

Upon the recommendation of the Mayor

**O-16.149  
AN ORDER**

To authorize payment of a previous year bill totaling \$268.00

BE IT ORDERED

that the Council authorize payment of a prior fiscal year bill (FY2015) related to the DPW for Alternative Recycling Systems Composting Services in the amount of \$268.00.

16.149 Enrolled      Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.

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16.150 An Order to appropriate \$17,045 for stair repair at the Academy of Music – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

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Motion to approve 16.150 in 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the order in second reading; Councilor O'Donnell seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a roll call vote of 7 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Bidwell), 1 Vacant.

Motion Carried

The following order passed second reading:

Upon the recommendation of the Mayor

O-16.150  
AN ORDER

To Appropriate \$17,045 for stair repair at the Academy of Music

*Ordered, that:*

City Council appropriate \$17,045 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to provide funding for the repair of the side stage door granite stairs at the Academy of Music.

Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.

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16.151 An Order to appropriate \$41,137 for replacement of 1986 six-wheel sander for DPW – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the order in second reading; Councilor O'Donnell seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a roll call vote of 7 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Bidwell), 1 Vacant.

The following order passed second reading:

Upon the recommendation of the Mayor

O-16.151  
AN ORDER

To Appropriate \$41,137 for replacement of 1986 six-wheel sander for DPW

*Ordered, that:*

City Council appropriate \$41,137 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to provide additional funding for the approved replacement of a 1986 six-wheel sander for the DPW for which bids have been obtained for a total cost of \$231,137, which exceeds the originally estimated and appropriated amount of \$190,000.

16.151 Enrolled

Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.

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16.152 An Order to rescind borrowing authority for various projects – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

16.152 An Order to rescind borrowing authority for various projects – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

16.153 An Order to Rescind Borrowing Authority for various projects – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

16.153 An Order to Rescind Borrowing

Authority for  
various projects -  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Motion to approve  
16.152 & 16.153 in  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the order 16.152 in second reading; Councilor Klein seconded the motion. Councilor O'Donnell moved to take 16.152 and 16.153 as a group; Councilor Klein seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 7 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Bidwell), 1 Vacant. The orders were approved on a roll call vote of 7 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Bidwell), 1 Vacant.

Motion Carried

The following order passed second reading:  
Upon the recommendation of the Mayor

O-16.152  
AN ORDER  
To Rescind Borrowing Authority for various projects

*Ordered, that:*

the City Council rescind only the borrowing authority granted in the following orders because such borrowing authority is no longer necessary:

Order approved on February 19, 2015 to authorize borrowing in the amount of \$491,486 for the partial replacement of the roof at Leeds Elementary School.

Order approved on February 19, 2015 to authorize borrowing in the amount of \$901,554 for the partial replacement of the roof at R.K. Finn Ryan Road Elementary School.

Order approved on August 13, 2015 to authorize borrowing in the amount of \$625,000 for the purpose of improvements to Pulaski Park - Phase II.

16.152 Enrolled

Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.

The following order passed second reading:

Upon the recommendation of the Mayor

O-16.153  
AN ORDER  
To Rescind Borrowing Authority for various projects

*Ordered, that:*

the City Council rescind a small portion of the borrowing authority granted in the following orders because such authority is no longer necessary:

Rescind \$13 of the \$1,354,013 borrowing authority approved on April 21, 2016 for Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements.

Rescind \$500 of the \$456,500 borrowing authority approved on April 21, 2016 for VOIP System.

16.153 Enrolled

Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.

Orders

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None

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16.135 An  
Ordinance  
Relative to a bus  
stop on Main  
Street 312-114 -

16.135 An Ordinance Relative to a bus stop on Main Street 312-114 - 1st Reading  
Positive recommendation from the Committee on Legislative Matters on September 12, 2016



**1st Reading**

Councilor O'Donnell explained that this ordinance come out of the Transportation and Parking Commission. It concerns the bus stop that is right in front of Edwards Church. The intent of the ordinance is to transfer the stop to the other end of the block, more toward where the crosswalk is located. However, the current ordinance does not reflect where the bus stop is currently. This ordinance will correct this and reflect the reality that is desired. A rep from PVTA came to the TPC meeting to make this request in the interest of safety. The City will lose two parking spaces once this change takes effect. PVTA came to the TPC meeting with a second request: to expand the bus stop on the opposite side of the street. The second request failed a TPC vote.

Councilor Klein asked if the TPC could look to add parking spaces elsewhere; Councilor O'Donnell would be in favor of adding them where appropriate.

Councilor Murphy asked whether a space or two could be added where the bus stop is currently; Councilor O'Donnell did not think this was possible. The location blocks traffic turning onto State Street. Also, a parked car wanting to go straight would have to cross two lanes of traffic.

Councilor Klein recalls that two parking spaces were lost on State Street in the past couple of years. Councilor Dwight noted that even though the ordinance passed, the parking spaces are still there.

Councilor O'Donnell moved to approve the ordinance in first reading; Councilor Murphy seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a roll call vote of 7 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Bidwell), 1 Vacant.

**Motion to approve  
16.135 in 1st  
Reading**

See minutes of October 6, 2016 for second reading.

**Motion Carried**

**16.136 An  
Ordinance relative  
to parking on Old  
South Street 312-  
109 - 1st Reading**

**16.136 An Ordinance relative to parking on Old South Street 312-109 - 1st Reading**  
**Positive recommendation from the Committee on Legislative Matters on September 12, 2016**

Councilor O'Donnell noted that with this ordinance, three sections of the code would be amended. The amendments clarify what the current situation is and the only change is that a parking space will be added down by Ryan's Auto. The Max Bus company, a transportation company offering direct route bus service, had previously requested parking rights, however, they have since changed their route and no longer requires parking where the parking spot is proposed.

**Motion to approve  
16.136 in 1st  
Reading**

Councilor O'Donnell moved to approve the ordinance in first reading; Councilor Sciarra seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a roll call vote of 7 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Bidwell), 1 Vacant.

**Motion Carried**

See minutes of October 6, 2016 for second reading.

**16.158 An  
Ordinance to  
amend Section  
350 Attachment 7  
of City Code by  
reinserting  
previously  
adopted provision  
for large scale  
ground mounted  
solar array  
systems by  
special permit for  
URB Districts -  
Refer**

**16.158 An Ordinance to amend Section 350 Attachment 7 of City Code by reinserting previously adopted provision for large scale ground mounted solar array systems by special permit for URB Districts - Refer to Committee on Legislative Matters**

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previously**

**16.159 An Ordinance to amend Section 350 Attachment 7 of City Code by reinserting previously adopted provision for large scale ground mounted solar array systems by special permit for URA Districts - Refer to Committee on Legislative Matters**

**16.160 An Ordinance to amend Section 350 Attachment 7 of City Code by reinserting previously adopted provision for large scale ground mounted solar array systems by special permit for SR Districts - Refer to Committee on Legislative Matters**

**16.161 An Ordinance to amend Section 350 Attachment 7 of City Code by reinserting previously adopted provision for large scale ground mounted solar array systems by special permit for RR Districts - Refer to Committee on Legislative Matters**

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RR Districts –  
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Motion to Refer  
16.158, 16.159,  
16.160 & 16.161 to  
Committee

Councilor Murphy moved to refer the ordinances 16.158, 16.159, 16.160, 16.161 as a group; Councilor LaBarge seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 7 yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Bidwell), 1 Vacant.

Motion Carried

16.164 An  
Ordinance To  
amend Chapter  
312-36 of the Code  
Book by modifying  
Parking Meter  
Fees in Class 1A &  
1C and to add  
Class 1F - Refer

16.164 An Ordinance To amend Chapter 312-36 of the Code Book by modifying Parking Meter Fees in Class 1A & 1C and to add Class 1F - Refer to Committee on Legislative Matters and Transportation and Parking Commission

16.165 An  
Ordinance To  
amend Chapter  
312-109 of the  
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16.165 An Ordinance To amend Chapter 312-109 of the Code Book to modify time limits in Class 1A & 1B - Refer to Committee on Legislative Matters & Transportation and Parking Commission

16.166 An Ordinance To amend Chapter 312-110 of the Code Book to modify time limit in Old South Street parking lot as described - Refer to Committee on Legislative Matters & Transportation and Parking Commission

Councilor Dwight read an explanation letter from Mayor Narkewicz concerning parking ordinance changes that he is introducing.

Councilor O'Donnell commented that the ordinances that were just referred to the TPC will be on the agenda for September 20, 2016. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 4pm.

Councilor Murphy explained that these same ordinances will be taken up by the Committee on Legislative Matters

on October 12, 2016. That meeting will begin at 5 pm.

16.166 An Ordinance To amend Chapter 312-110 of the Code Book to modify time limit in Old South Street parking lot as described -- Refer

Both meetings will be held in City Council Chambers and the agendas for these meetings will be posted to the City's website.

Motion to Refer 16.164, 16.165, & 16.166 to Committees

Councilor Murphy moved to refer the ordinances 16.164, 16.165, and 16.166 as a group to the Transportation and Parking Commission and the Committee on Legislative Matters; Councilor LaBarge seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 7 yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Bidwell), 1 Vacant.

Motion Carried

Updates from Council President and Committee Chairs

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None

Information Requests (Charter Provision 2-7) and Information Study Requests

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None

New Business

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None

At 8:12 p.m., a motion to adjourn was made by Councilor LaBarge and seconded by Councilor Klein. The vote to adjourn passed on a voice vote of 7 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Bidwell), 1 Vacant.

Attest:  Administrative Assistant to the City Council

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Record of City Council Votes for September 15, 2016											Total	
		Vacant	Bidwell	Carney	Dwight	Klein	LaBarge	Murphy	O'Donnell	Sciarra		
Roll Call by Pamela L. Powers, Administrative Assistant to the City Council @ 7:10 p.m.												
	15.147 A Resolution Opposing Lifting the Cap on Commonwealth Charter Schools	2nd Reading		Absent	Yes	Second Yes	Yes	Abstain	Motion to Approve Yes	Yes	Motion Carried 5 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstention, 1 Absent, 1 Vacant	
	15.157 A Financial Order to authorize payment of a previous year bill to Comcast in the amount of \$154.83	1st Reading		Absent	Yes	Second Yes	Motion to Approve Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion Carried 7 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent, 1 Vacant	
	15.156 An Order to accept a gift of crosswalk equipment from Northampton Montessori School	1st Reading		Absent	Yes	Second Yes	Yes	Motion to Approve Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion Carried 7 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent, 1 Vacant	
		Suspend Council Rules for 2 Readings		Councilor LaBarge moved to suspend City Council Rules to allow for a second reading; councilor Murphy seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote. Councilor Bidwell was absent.								Motion Carried 7 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent, 1 Vacant
		2nd Reading		Absent	Second Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion to Approve Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion Carried 7 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent, 1 Vacant	

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		Vacant	Bidwell	Carney	Dwight	Klein	LaBarge	Murphy	O'Donnell	Sciara	Total
16.151 An Order to appropriate \$41,137 for replacement of 1986 six-wheel sander for DPW	2nd Reading		Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion to Approve Yes	Yes	Second Yes	Yes	Motion Carried 7 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent, 1 Vacant
16.152 An Order to rescind borrowing authority for various projects	2nd Reading					Second	Motion to Approve				
16.152 An Order to rescind borrowing authority for various projects AND 16.153 An Order to Rescind Borrowing Authority for various projects	2nd Reading		Absent	Yes	Yes	Second Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion to approve 16.152 & 16.153 as a group Yes	Yes	Motion Carried 7 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent, 1 Vacant
16.135 An Ordinance Relative to a bus stop on Main Street 312-114 - (Positive recommendation from the Committee on Legislative Matters on September 12, 2016 )	1st Reading		Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Second Yes	Motion to Approve Yes	Yes	Motion Carried 7 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent, 1 Vacant
16.136 An Ordinance relative to parking on Old South Street 312-109 - (Positive recommendation from the Committee on Legislative Matters on September 12, 2016)	1st Reading		Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion to Approve Yes	Second Yes	Motion Carried 7 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent, 1 Vacant

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		Vacant	Bidwell	Carney	Dwight	Klein	LaBarge	Murphy	O'Donnell	Sciarra	Motion Carried 7 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent, 1 Vacant
16.158 An Ordinance to amend Section 350 Attachment 7 of City Code by reinserting previously adopted provision for large scale ground mounted solar array systems by special permit for URB Districts - Refer to Committee on Legislative Matters	Refer to Committee										Motion to refer ordinance to the Committee on Legislative Matters as a group made by Councilor Murphy and seconded by Councilor LaBarge; the motion was approved on a voice vote. Councilor Bidwell was absent.
16.159 An Ordinance to amend Section 350 Attachment 7 of City Code by reinserting previously adopted provision for large scale ground mounted solar array systems by special permit for URA Districts - Refer to Committee on Legislative Matters	Refer to Committee										
16.160 An Ordinance to amend Section 350 Attachment 7 of City Code by reinserting previously adopted provision for large scale ground mounted solar array systems by special permit for SR Districts - Refer to Committee on Legislative Matters	Refer to Committee										
16.161 An Ordinance to amend Section 350 Attachment 7 of City Code by reinserting previously adopted provision for large scale ground mounted solar array systems by special permit for RR Districts - Refer to Committee on Legislative Matters	Refer to Committee										

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Record of City Council Votes for September 15, 2016											Vacant	Bidwell	Carney	Dwight	Klein	LaBarge	Murphy	O'Donnell	Sciarra	Total
15.164 An Ordinance To amend Chapter 312-36 of the Code Book by modifying Parking Meter Fees in Class 1A & 1C and to add Class 1F - Refer to Committee on Legislative Matters and Transportation and Parking Commission	Refer to Committee																			Motion Carried 7 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent, 1 Vacant
15.165 An Ordinance To amend Chapter 312-109 of the Code Book to modify time limits in Class 1A & 1B - Refer to Committee on Legislative Matters & Transportation and Parking Commission	Refer to Committee																			Motion Carried 7 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent, 1 Vacant
15.166 An Ordinance To amend Chapter 312-110 of the Code Book to modify time limit in Old South Street parking lot as described - Refer to Committee on Legislative Matters & Transportation and Parking Commission	Refer to Committee																			Motion Carried 7 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent, 1 Vacant

At 8:12 pm Councilor LaBarge motioned to adjourn; Councilor Klein seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 7 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent, 1 Vacant.

Recorded By:

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